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SFX: ZOOM ZOOM
GEH!
OI! GRAMPS!
YOU'RE EARLIER THAN USUAL!
SFX: ROAR
SFX: RATTLE
GOOD WORK, GOOD WORK!
WAAH!
CRACKLE
WAAH!

Chapter 47: The Princess's Power

Sake (t/n Japanese alcohol)
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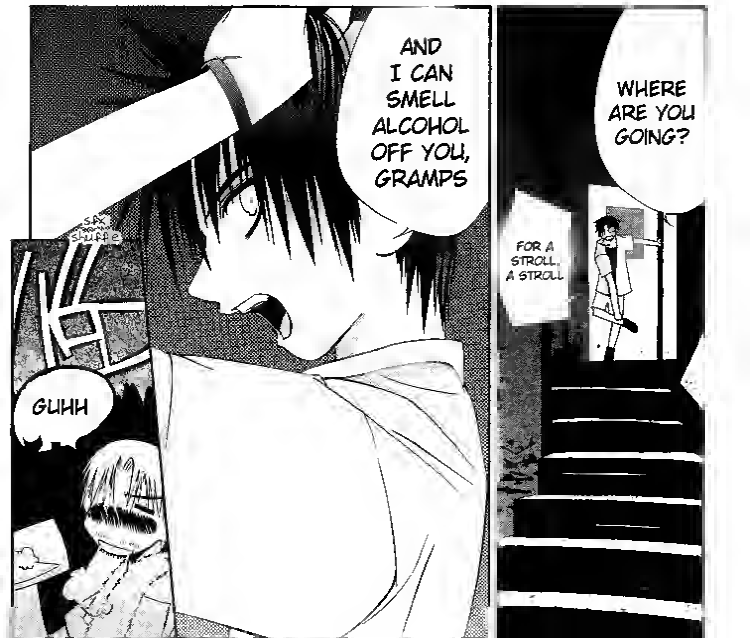
YOUR WOUNDS HAVE PRETTY MUCH HEALED UP, EH
.....
MAN, YOU HAVE THE SURVIVAL INSTINCT OF A COCKROACH!
HIC
SHUT UP!
you smell like alcohol!
HOW IN FRONT WERE YOU, YOU SAID?

I'VE LONG BEEN USED TO SEEING PEOPLE DYING A DOG'S DEATH
I WASN'T SURPRISED
AT TIMES LIKE THESE, THE WISEST WAY TO DO IT IS TO GRAB ANYTHING VALUABLE-LOOKING FROM THEM
ooooooo...

SFX. BANG
POOR DUDE ON THE BRINK OF DEATH
THIS SWORD WON'T DO YOU ANY GOOD IN THE OTHER WORLD
HUH?
A KID?
IF I HAVE EVEN A SHRED OF CONSCIENCE
TCH
HE'S ALIVE?
DAMN

sfx clatter
THANK YOU FOR THE FOOD~
OH...?
WELL I HAVE NO COMPLAINTS IF YOU'RE WILLING TO CONTRIBUTE HERE A LITTLE
ONCE HE STARTS SAYING SOMETHING HE DOESN'T LISTEN TO OTHERS, AND ON TOP OF THAT I HEARD HE HAS A QUICK TEMPER
WELL THAT WAS TROUBLE-SOME, IN THE END SUCH A CHEEKY BRAT TOO


WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
FOR A STROLL, A STROLL
AND I CAN SMELL ALCOHOL OFF YOU, GRAMPS
SFX sniff sniff
GUHH

YOU REALLY DON'T LISTEN TO WHAT ANYONE SAYS, DO YOU...
SFX SHUFFLE
GETTING KINDA LONELY HERE EH
FLOP
YOU'LL GET AWAY FROM HERE, RIGHT?

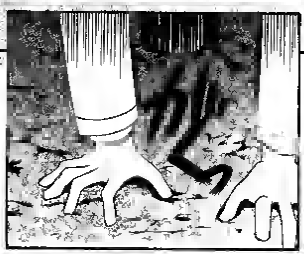
...YEAH
IS THAT SO? I GUESS I'LL BE ALONE AGAIN...
WHEN I WAS YOUNG, I WAS JUST AS MISCHIEV-OUS AS YOU...
AGAIN?

"THE HUNTING"
THAT WAS WHEN THE COMPANY FIRST STARTED HUNTING HUMANS.
THE COMPANY EVEN CAME ALL THE WAY OUT HERE TO THE COLONIES TO CAPTURE PEOPLE
PEOPLE LIKE YOU WHO COULDN'T LIVE WITHOUT THE "ELECTRICITY" GENERATED BY THE COMPANY.. JUST LIKE SLAVES.

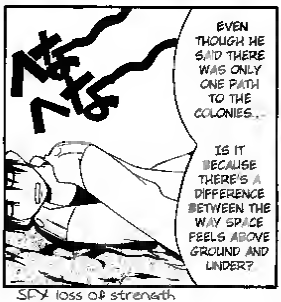
SORRY.. WHEN I'M LOOKING AT YOU IT JUST SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE AN EXACT COPY OF ME...
WELL, EVEN AT A TIME LIKE THIS I CAN'T DO ANYTHING... I REALLY HAVE NO RIGHT TO BE A FATHER.
...THE COMPANY!

TAKE THIS!
I'LL TREAT THAT AS PAYMENT FOR THE MEAL!
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR LOOKING AFTER ME.
WHAT-- WELL, I'VE ALSO GAINED A LOT SO I SHOULD BE THANKING YOU AS WELL.
WELL NO MATTER HOW I LOOK AT IT, YOU'RE STRANGE.
WHAT?!
IT'S JUST MY SUPPOSITION, BUT I THINK THAT'S A FAMOUS SWORD IF YOU JUST SHARPEN IT...
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONCERN, BUT...
CARRYING A BLUNT SWORD AROUND LIKE THAT...

I HAVE A REALLY AMAZING SWORD GIVEN TO ME BY THE PRINCESS.
princess ?!
A PRIN...
---WHAT A STRANGE GUY!
HEH
TAKE CARE GRAMPS!



SFX ROAR


EVEN THOUGH HE SAID THERE WAS ONLY ONE PATH TO THE COLONIES..
IS IT BECAUSE THERE'S A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE WAY SPACE FEELS ABOVE GROUND AND UNDER?

SFX loss of strength

SFX: SITTING UP
YOU JUST FOLLOW ME!
RIGHT... I WAS ALWAYS FOLLOWING BEHIND THAT MEDDLESOME WOMAN...
YEAH... IT'S BECAUSE OF THAT
GOLD HAIR?
SFX: FLICKER
SWISH
HOLD ON!

sfx crumble
WHA-?!
I'M FALL-ING!
NO!
sfx crash

RURI...?
SO... THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO JUST LOVE COPYING OTHERS
NO?!
THIS IS...

!!!
sfx swish
sfx roar

I'M HONORED THAT YOU REMEMBER ME
ガ!!!
A WATER BLADE!

TAILOR ASHFORD!
ASAGI RUMINA

SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE STILL GOOD AT DODGING MY SWORD.
AND YOU STILL HAVE THAT NASTY WAY OF TALKING
AT THAT TIME
I WAS MIRACULOUSLY SAVED
BY ONE OF THE NUMEROUS CABLES RUNNING THROUGH THE UNDERGROUND
AND AT THAT TIME, I REALIZED
THE FIGHT BETWEEN YOU AND I...

IS FAR FROM OVER!
YOU'VE SEEN THE CARNAGE, HAVEN'T YOU?
THIS IS TO TEST YOUR GROWTH!
IF, LIKE BEFORE YOU WERE TO OMIT THIS FROM YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS, YOU WOULD HAVE DIED.
THE ONE WHO HASN'T GROWN IS YOU.

RURI, WHETHER SHE CRIED OR LAUGHED, ALWAYS DID IT WITH ALL HER HEART.
SO NO MATTER HOW WELL YOU CAN RECREATE HER PHYSICAL FEATURES
WITH THAT COLD FACE, YOU WILL NEVER COME CLOSE TO THE REAL THING!

SFX RUMBLE
!!?

AN EXPLOS-ION?!
IT'S FROM ABOVE... FROM WHERE YOU CAME FROM EARLIER
I THINK I HAVE AN IDEA OF WHAT IT IS... WE'D BETTER HURRY
WHA--?!
DON'T BE MIS-TAKEN!

I'VE JUST FINISHED MY APPRAI-SAL OF YOU
YOU REALLY ARE A WORTHY RIVAL
IF YOU GOT THAT .. OUR FIGHT ISN'T OVER YET
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ACCORDING TO REPORTS FROM THE COLONIES THERE WAS A BLACK-HAIRED BOY WITH YOU
HIDING AIN'T GOOD FOR YOUR BODY
HIDING IN A DUMP LIKE THIS, I SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED.
s.bk. unsteady
WHY WOULD RUFFIANS LIKE YOU WHO ARE UNAFFILIATED WITH THE COMPANY BE INTERESTED?
!!
A LIFE OF LUXURY AWAITS ME!
GET AWAY FROM HIM
IF WE HAND HIM OVER TO THE COMPANY WE'RE SURE TO GET A REWARD FOR HIS HEAD

YOU'RE AFTER ME, RIGHT?
YOU
YAHOO! SO MY INTUITION WAS SPOT ON!
THAT GET-UP... IT'S THAT WIND-USER KID FOR SURE!

WITH THAT, HE CAN'T EVEN MAKE RUMINA USE 10% OF HIS POWER
HE'S COMPLETELY UNDERESTIMATING THIS...
.....
SFX BANG
SENRITSU• HYAKKADAN!*
t/n. Tremble. A hundred bullets.
RUN, BRAT!
YOU'LL DEFINITELY DIE!
SFX RATTLE

sfx rattle
WHAT?!
sfx whizz past
AND HE'S COMPLETELY UNHARMED!

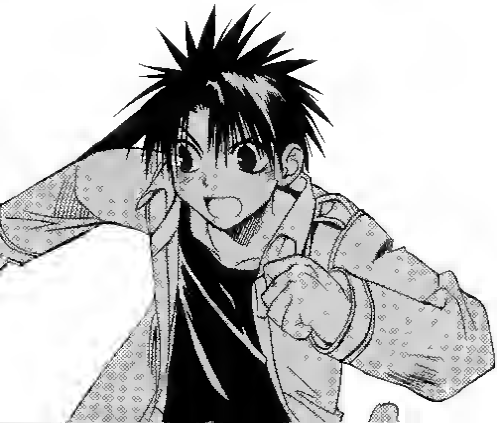
t/n: technique name. Kamaitachi refers to Japanese folkloric demon weasels, who are wind-users as well

SFX shock
I'M SORRY, I DIDN'T MEAN TO KEEP MY ABILITIES A SECRET FROM YOU.
I CAN'T EXPLAIN THIS VERY WELL BUT HUNTERS FROM THE COMPANY ARE PROBABLY AFTER ME .
!
SFX grab
BUT, YOU'VE LET ME SEE SOMETHING INTEREST-ING
IDIOT! DON'T SIMPLY STEP INTO OTHERS' BATTLES! I WAS WEAK, THAT WAS WHY MY SON WAS TAKEN FROM ME!

THE POWER YOUR PRINCESS HAS GIVEN YOU
ANYWAY, I'M REALLY SORRY BUT COULD YOU GET ME TO THE NEXT COLONY TO GET THESE WOUNDS TREATED?
FINE!
THAT WOULD REALLY, REALLY BE GOODBYE!
YEAH

I WOULD HAVE TAKEN CARE OF HIM IN 5 SECONDS
NOT KILLING IS ALSO ONE OF YOUR WEAK-NESSES
WHAT?

IF YOU WERE TO DIE BEFORE I COMPLETE MY REVENGE, THAT WOULD BE TOO UNCOOL
THAT'S A GOOD IDEA!
HUH?!
WHAT THE HELL! ARE YOU SOME KINDA STALKER OR SOMETHING?!
DO WHATEVER YOU WANT!



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